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to the next meeting, and that the Recording Secretary notify the absent members thereof accordingly in his next notifications.

Voted, that the publication of the Constitution be left at the discretion of the Committee appointed to superintend the publications of the Society in the "American Apollo."

Voted, that the Corresponding Secretary receive into his custody those copies of the "Apollo" which are the property of the Society.

The President presented the Society with

Letters, in three volumes, of Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur, Esq., Consul from the French nation in the States of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

The following gentlemen were then nominated as members resident within the Commonwealth: Rev. Mannasseh Cutler, LL.D., of Ipswich, by Mr. Belknap; Hon. William Heath, Esq., of Roxbury, by Mr. Minot.

The following nominations were then made of Corresponding Members: Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., of Philadelphia, by Mr. Belknap; Hon. John Jay, Esq., of New York, by Mr. Thacher; Hon. David Ramsay, of Charleston, S.C., by Mr. Eliot; Rev. Alexander Spark, of Quebec, by Mr. Freeman; Hon. Charles Thomson, of Philadelphia, by Mr. Minot.*

EIGHTH MEETING.

CAMBRIDGE, 31st January, 1792.

This day being "the last Tuesday in January" appointed for a stated quarterly meeting, by invitation from James Winthrop, Esq., the following members met at his house: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut; but, a quorum not appearing, no business was done.

* Not one stated meeting appears to have been held during the year 1791. They were all special meetings or adjourned meetings. — Eds.

SPECIAL MEETING.*

A special meeting of the Historical Society was holden at the Library room in the Bank, on Friday, the 30th of March, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Wallcut, and Mr. Sullivan.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then received:—

Mr. FREEMAN presented the Society with

An Indian shot-bag, made of beads at Lorette, an Indian village near Quebec, in Canada.

Mr. ELIOT presented the Society with

Ramsay's History of the American Revolution. Complete. Two vols. bound in one.

Mr. SULLIVAN (the President) presented the Society with

A parcel of sermons and other pamphlets.

The following were also received at this meeting:—

From Dr. Swift, a pamphlet relating to Nantucket. Communicated by Mr. Baylies.

From Mr. Noah Clap, Town-Clerk of Dorchester, a letter giving some account of the beginning and progressive settlement of that town. (N. B. An answer to the circular letter.)

From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., several manuscripts.

From James Apthorp, Esq., a letter received from his son, with a description of the Dutch colony of Surinam.† Communicated by Mr. Belknap.

From Mr. Benjamin Burt, a number of newspapers. Communicated by Mr. Eliot.

From Rev. J. Homer, three copies of his Century Sermon, preached at Newton, the 25th December, 1791. Communicated by Mr. Freeman.

* This meeting is properly the "eighth," while the previous meeting at Cambridge, at which there was no quorum, should not be counted. The Secretary blends the two into one in the records. — EDS.

† This was published in the first volume of the Society's Collections. — EDS.

Mr. WINTHROP presented the Society with

Raynal's History of the East and West Indies, in ten (elegant) volumes.
 Sermons by Dr. Samuel Cooper, handsomely bound.
 Thirty pamphlets of an historical nature, political, religious, &c.
 A MS. Journal of John Marshall, A.D. [1697-1711].
 Lewis Evans's Map of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

Mr. THACHER presented the Society with

Dr. Colman's MS. History of the Indian War, from 1726.*
 Journal of a Two Months' Tour among the Indians on the Ohio, &c., by Charles Beatty.
 Sermon on the Death of Ezekiel Cheever, Master of the South Latin School.
 Sermons (eight) before the Society in England for Propagating the Gospel.
 Sermons (four) before the Society in Scotland for Propagating the Gospel.
 Annual Register, for the year 1781.
 Scots' Magazine, for May, 1767.
 French Charts (two), entitled, *Chronologie figurée pour l'intelligence de l'histoire des révolutions monarchiques*; and *Chronologie d'Angleterre*.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary return the thanks of the Society to the several gentlemen who have made donations at this meeting.

Voted, That a list of donations made to the Society by persons who are not members be published in the "Apollo." †

A proposal made at a former meeting for celebrating the memorable epoch of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus on the 12th of October, 1492, was considered at this meeting: whereupon it was

Voted, To celebrate the Centenary by a Public Discourse, and that Mr. Belknap be desired to prepare for that occasion, and that Mr. Thacher and Mr. Eliot be desired to perform the other parts of the exercise.

The following nominations were then made: Daniel Davis, Esq., of Portland, by Mr. Freeman, and Aaron Dexter, Esq., of Boston, by Mr. Thacher, as

* Printed in Collections, VI. 108. — Eds.

† Lists of donations to the Society were published in the "American Apollo," of May 11, 1792, p. 210; June 15, p. 274; and Aug. 3, p. 351. — Eds.

Resident Members; Mr. James Perkins, of Cape François, as Corresponding Member, by Mr. Belknap.

A quorum for elections still being wanted, none were made at this meeting.

NINTH MEETING.

This day, the 24th, being the "last Tuesday in April," appointed by the Constitution for a stated quarterly meeting of the Historical Society, the following members attended: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then made: —

A donation from Mr. James White of thirty bound books, consisting of:—

Increase Mather's History of the Indian Wars in New England.

" " Call to the Rising Generation.*

" " Sermons to promote Holiness, &c.

" " Order of the Gospel Churches in New England Vindicated.

" " Sermons on Providence.

Cotton Mather's Wonders of the Invisible World.

" " Cœlestinus.

" " Memorable Providences Relating to Witchcrafts.

" " Warnings from the Dead.

" " Victorina. A Sermon on the Death of his Daughter.

" " At the Execution of David Wallis for Murder.

" " Words of Understanding, in Three Essays.

" " Cares about the Nurseries.

Samuel Mather's Life of Nathaniel Mather.

Samuel Lee, Triumph of Mercy in the Chariot of Praise.

Nathaniel Morton's History of Plymouth Colony.

Nathaniel Ward's Simple Cobbler of Agawam.

Deodat Lawson's Sermon on the Religious Householder.

Roger Wolcott's Poetical Meditations.

* "A Call from Heaven to the Present and Succeeding Generations." — Eds.

- Joshua Moody's Discourse on Communion with God in His House.
 Samuel Willard, Fountain Opened, Calling the Jews, &c.
 Benjamin Colman, Sermon and Remains of Grove Hirst.
 Benjamin Colman and Mayhew's Sermon, and Whitefield's Letters, &c.,
 bound together.
 Benjamin Wadsworth, Twelve Sermons tending to promote Godliness.
 Experience Mayhew's Indian Converts.
 Ordination Sermons by divers ministers.
 Nathaniel Clap's Sermon: The Lord's Voice crying to his People.
 Journal of the Siege of Louisbourg, and other pamphlets, bound together.
 Sagittarius's Letters.
 The Christian History of the year [1743].
 Also, One hundred pamphlets of a historical nature were given by Mr. White,
 consisting of sermons on various occasions, political and religious contro-
 versy, &c.
 From Mr. Benjamin Guild, seven bound books, viz.:—
 Bernard Romans's History of Florida.
 Debates in Virginia Convention on the Federal Constitution. 2 vols. (Third
 volume wanting.)
 Francis Hutchinson on Witchcraft.
 Sermons and other pamphlets bound together. 3 vols. Also,
 Fifty pamphlets, consisting of sermons on public occasions, politics, &c.
 From Mr. Benjamin Russell, Birch's Life of Sir Robert Boyle, containing some
 letters of Eliot, the Indian Apostle.
 From Mr. Benjamin Burt, several numbers of "The New England Courant,"
 printed by Benjamin Franklin.
 From Mr. Joseph Coolidge, eight bound books.

TENTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., on Wednesday the 23d of May, 1792—present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Minot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers for the year ensuing: *—

* The preceding meeting, in April, was fixed, by the Constitution, for the annual choice of officers, &c., and this meeting is not called an adjourned

HON. JAMES SULLIVAN, Esq. . . .	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR, Esq.. . . .	TREASURER.
REV. JEREMY BELKNAP	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
THOMAS WALLCUT	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. JOHN ELIOT	LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER.
REV. PETER THACHER	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP	
HON. GEO. R. MINOT	

The following donations were received at this meeting: —

An Indian stone pipe, from Mr. Adam Colson.

Two ancient silver coins, from Captain Thomas Powers, — one of the Emperor Valentinian, and a Brazilian coin of the date 1695.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to each of those gentlemen.

Voted, That the Treasurer call upon the members to pay their annual assessments.

Voted, That Mr. Minot and Mr. Thacher be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts and report at the next meeting.*

The following nominations were then made of new members: Mr. Thaddeus Mason Harris of Cambridge, by Mr. Eliot; Mr. Thomas Pemberton of Boston, by Mr. Belknap; William Wetmore, Esq., of Boston, by Mr. Tudor; and Mr. Redford Webster, of Boston, by Mr. Minot.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, the 29th instant, to meet at Mr. Tudor's office, at 6 o'clock P.M.

meeting. Five members — a quorum for business — seem to have been present at the April meeting. — Eds.

* On the first page of the oldest account book in the cabinet of the Treasurer, is the following record in the handwriting of Mr. Savage: "The Book of Accounts of the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society from its first organization, was destroyed by fire, on the morning of the 10th November, 1825, soon after midnight, at the office of James Savage, the Treasurer, in Court St., Boston." Numerous vouchers for payments and some memoranda of receipts in the early years of the Society are in the files of the Treasurer. — Eds.

ELEVENTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, holden by adjournment at the house of William Tudor, Esq., on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Davis, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Thacher, and Mr. Wallcut.

The Treasurer exhibited his account, by which it appears that he has received thirty-one pounds sixteen shillings, and that his expenditures amount to twenty-two pounds, one shilling, and one penny ; which leaves in his hands, nine pounds, fourteen shillings, and eleven pence.

Voted, That said account be accepted.*

It being represented to the Society that the stockholders can no longer accommodate the Society with a room for their Library, &c., in the Bank building, —

Voted, That the Standing Committee, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Eliot and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, be a Committee to procure another room for the Library and Museum, and to remove the property of the Society.

The members proceeded to ballot for the candidates who have stood in nomination the time required by the Constitution. The Rev. MANASSEH CUTLER, LL.D., of Ipswich, The Hon. WILLIAM HEATH, Esq., of Roxbury,

* The Constitution of the Society, and a vote passed at the first meeting, directed that all the accounts should be kept in dollars and cents, or the Federal currency of the United States. But it would appear from the record that the first report of the Treasurer was not rendered in this manner. — Eds.

Dr. AARON DEXTER, of Boston, and DANIEL DAVIS, Esq., of Portland, all of this Commonwealth, were elected Resident Members. EBENEZER HAZARD, Esq., of Philadelphia, JOHN JAY, Esq., of New York (Chief Justice of the United States), Mr. JAMES PERKINS, of Cape François, DAVID RAMSAY, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., Rev. ALEXANDER SPARK, of Quebec, and CHARLES THOMSON, Esq., of Philadelphia, were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Librarian receive into the Library, Backus's History, and that Mr. Belknap be paid fifteen shillings for the exchange.

The Hon. Peleg Coffin, Esq., was nominated by Mr. Davis.

Adjourned to Friday, the 8th of June, to meet at the President's house.

TWELFTH MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Historical Society, holden by adjournment at the house of the President, on the 8th day of June, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut.

* The meetings, from one to twelve, are numbered by Mr. Wallcut, the first Recording Secretary, in the margin, and these numbers have been placed as a heading to the printed record. The "twelfth meeting" is the last thus designated by the Secretary. The headings to the meetings which follow have also been prefixed by the editors, as for many years all such designations are wanting in the original record. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters which he had received from three gentlemen in answer to his letters notifying them of their election as members of the Society, viz. : —

From the Hon. William Heath, Esq., of Roxbury, who declines being a member.*

From the Hon. John Jay, Esq., of New York, Chief Justice of the United States, and Mr. James Perkins, of Cape François, as Corresponding Members, who accept of their election.

Mr. WINTHROP communicated four pamphlets, the donation of Dr. Timothy Lindall Jennison, of Cambridge, viz. : —

The Free Briton's Supplemental memorial to the Electors of the members of the British Parliament.

The Constitution of the State of Vermont, as revised by the Council of Censors, and recommended to the consideration of the People. Windsor: Printed by Hough and Spooner, 1785.

An act for the establishment of a College or University within the Colony of Rhode Island. And,

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United Colonies of North America, met in Congress at Philadelphia, 1775.

* General Heath, in a letter to the Corresponding Secretary, dated "Roxbury, June 4, 1792," expressing the high sense he entertained of the honor done him, proceeds to say : —

"Amidst a variety of public and private avocations, I have scarcely a moment to spare by which I can render any service to the Society, and more especially as I have an arduous object in view, which is now retarded, only because I cannot redeem time from other pressing business to give it that attention which it requires. Should I be so fortunate as to accomplish the object which I have in view, it may serve and gratify posterity more than any other efforts I can possibly make, and any diversion from it may prove the loss of it. To be a useless member of the Society, and to keep out of it some other gentleman who may render it service, would give me pain, and cannot be pleasing to them. I am, therefore, constrained to decline an acceptance of the honor which is proffered to me."

The "arduous object" which the General had "in view" was probably the compilation of his "Memoirs," which were published in 1798. — Eds.

Mr. BELKNAP communicated a donation from Captain Thomas Powers : *

A Silver Denarius of the Emperor Valentinian, above fourteen hundred years old.

A Silver Portuguese coin of King Peter II., made in 1695.

An English Penny of Charles II. 1675.

An English Sixpence of Charles II. 1679.

Mr. WALLCUT communicated a donation from Mr. John Lucas :

Beverley's History of Virginia.

Crantz's History of Greenland, and,

The Missions of the *Unitas Fratrum* at New Herrnhuth, Lichtenfelds, &c.

Also, from Messrs. Thomas Fleet and John Fleet :

Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, for several years, and a large parcel of newspapers, in addition to their former valuable donation.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the several gentlemen respectively for their valuable donations.

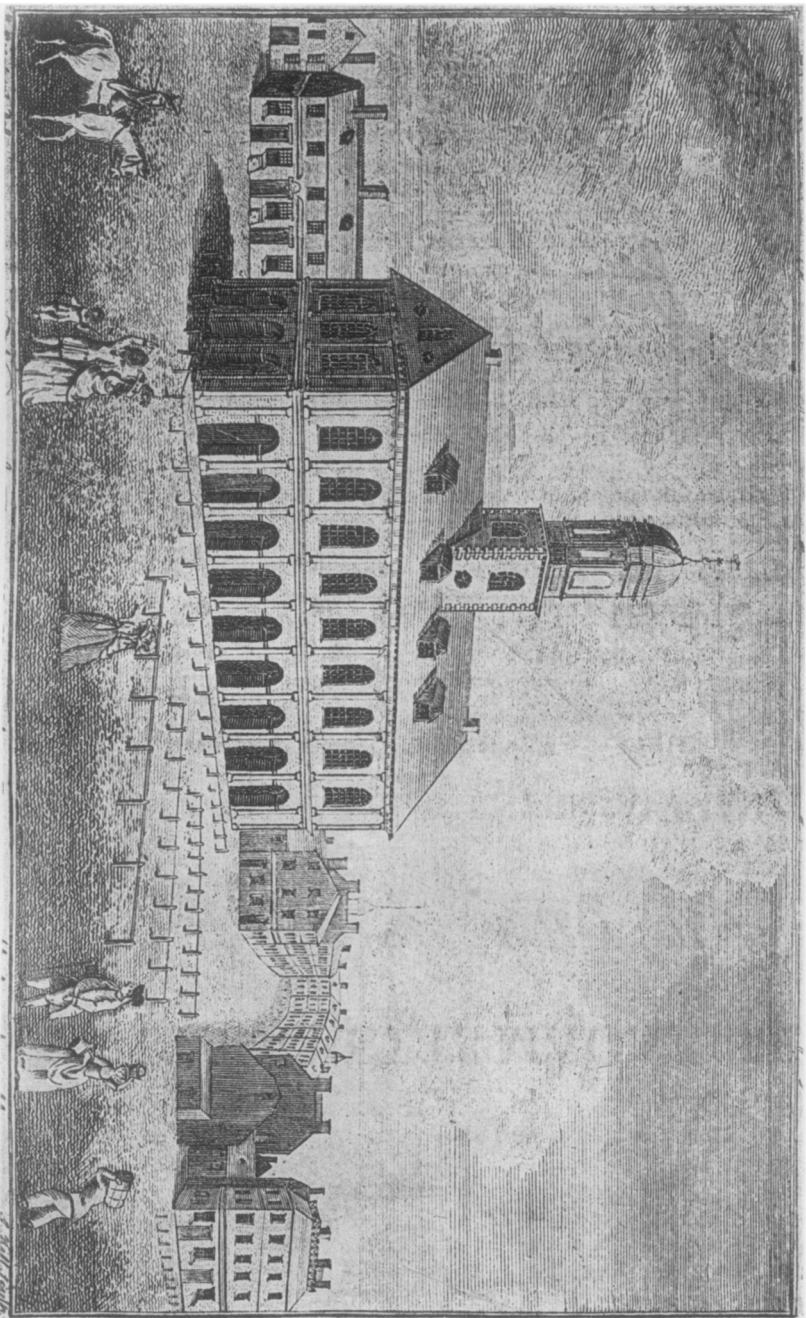
Mr. WINTHROP presented the Society with Dr. Waterhouse's Discourse before the Middlesex Medical Association at Concord.

Voted, That in case of absence, any member of the Society may appoint any other member as his proxy to ballot for him in elections. *Provided*, that the power be given in writing, and the person to be balloted for be named.

The following nominations were made of Corresponding Members :—

Rev. J. Erskine, D.D., of Edinburgh, by Mr. Thacher ;
Rev. Andrew Brown, D.D., of Halifax, by Mr. Belknap ;
Hon. Nathaniel Niles of Fairlee, Vt., by Mr. Sullivan ;
and Noah Webster, Jr., Esq., of Hartford, by Mr. Freeman.

* See the tenth meeting. — Eds.



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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Historical Society, held (for the first time at the new room obtained for the Library and Museum) in Faneuil Hall building, on Tuesday, the 31st of July, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Dr. Dexter, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the following persons for the benefactions presented by them, viz.: —

John Gardiner, Esq., for his Speech on the Theatre.

Mr. Josiah Eliot, for a volume of newspapers.

"A Friend," for one hundred and fifty pamphlets.

Mr. Mathew Nazro, for the Columbian Centinel for the year 1791.

Mrs. Rowe, for a number of pamphlets.

Rev. John Clark, for an old manuscript.

"A Friend," for a French Atlas, 1692.

Ezekiel Price, Esq., for twelve pictures, heads of ancient philosophers, poets, orators, &c.

Mr. Nathaniel Brewer, for an Indian paddle, brought in the ship "Columbia" from the north-west coast of America.

Dr. Amasa Dingley, for Peter Martyr's History De Orbe Novo.

Mr. Abraham Adams.

Mr. Zacheus Macy, for a MS.: Remarks on the History, Trade, &c., of Nantucket.*

Mr. Benjamin Larkin, for Humphreys's Life of Putnam.

Rev. Jedediah Morse, for Life of Thomas Paine.

Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., for Vol. I. of his Historical Collections.

Mr. William Tilestone Clap, for a number of pamphlets.

Mr. Samuel Greenough, for several volumes of sermons in French.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to procure the binding of fifty volumes of pamphlets, arranged by the Librarian, and of so many volumes of the newspapers which are complete as to them may appear necessary, upon the best terms in their power.

Voted, That Mr. Minot be added to the Committee for collecting materials for the press and superintending the publishing of the same.

* Published in Collections, III. 155. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters he had received from Dr. Aaron Dexter, and Mr. Daniel Davis (of Portland), signifying their acceptance of their election as Resident Members. Also, from Eben. Hazard, Esq.

Mr. William Dandridge Peck was nominated a member by Dr. Dexter, and Dr. Samuel Tenney, of Exeter, by Mr. Belknap.

Adjourned to Friday, the 10th of August, at 10 o'clock A.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment from Tuesday, the 31st July, at the Library at Faneuil Hall, on Friday, the 10th day of August, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, and Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Wallcut resigning his appointment as Recording Secretary of the Society, Mr. MINOT was elected by ballot to that office in his stead.

Voted, That if any of the Corresponding Members request a copy of the "Apollo," the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to deliver one to each of them.

Voted, That the Standing Committee procure stationery and other small articles necessary for the use of the Society.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary request of the Rev. Jason Haven, minister of the First Parish in Dedham, a copy of his half-century sermon, to be placed in the Library.

Mr. JOHN DAVIS presented the Society with several pamphlets, and Mr. THACHER presented the old version of Psalms, &c., for New England.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the following persons respectively for their donations at this meeting: —

Mr. Joseph Cowdin, for a volume containing a manuscript and a variety of miscellaneous tracts, printed sheets, &c.

Mr. Stephen Codman, for a valuable collection of Resolves of the Provincial Congress and County Conventions, Notes of Town Meetings, The Worcester Covenant, and original Letters of Committees of Correspondence, &c., in several towns in Massachusetts, in the years 1774 and 1775.

Mr. Samuel Clap, for a Copperplate Engraving of four bills of paper money of different denominations in the year 1733; a Plan of the Fortress, City, and Harbor of Louisburg in 1746; and a Map of South America.

Rev. Ezra Ripley, for copies of his sermon preached at the dedication of the new meeting-house in Concord.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment, at the Library, on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Dr. Dexter, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Winthrop.

The following donations were presented: —

A pamphlet: *The Path to Riches*, by the President.

Bartram's *Travels* and Blodget's *Map of Connecticut*, by Mr. Tudor.

A collection of manuscript papers, tables, &c., showing the state of the trade of the several Provinces before the Revolution, *Topographical Description of the Gulf of Florida* and the country round it, and the *Census of Massachusetts* for the year — donation of Mr. Ezekiel Price.

The following persons were elected members by ballot, — MR. THADDEUS MASON HARRIS, of Cambridge; MR. THOMAS PEMBERTON, of Boston; WILLIAM WETMORE, Esq., of Boston; Dr. REDFORD WEBSTER, of Boston; Hon. PELEG COFFIN, Esq., of Nantucket. NOAH WEBSTER, Jr., Esq., of Hartford, as a Corresponding Member.

Mr. Winthrop proposed the Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, of New Haven, as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned to the eighth day of October, at 10 o'clock A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the Library, on Friday, the 14th day of September, 1792,* —

It appearing to the Society that the publication of the "Apollo" will not be continued with the papers of the Society annexed in the usual manner,

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Minot be a committee to consider of the best manner of publishing the papers of the Society in future, and the lowest rate at which the printing business can be done, and report.

Letters from the Rev. Dr. M. Cutler, Dr. David Ramsay, Mr. Redford Webster, Hon. Peleg Coffin, Esq., Mr. Thomas Pemberton, Noah Webster, Esq., and Mr. T. M. Harris, accepting their elections as members of the Society, were read.

A letter from Rev. Jason Haven, of Dedham, relative to his half-century sermon, was read.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past 3 o'clock P.M.

* The records of Mr. Minot as Recording Secretary here begin. From this period, for a number of years, no record of attendance is kept. — *ENDS*.



Geo. R. Minch

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The Committee presented to consider report upon several subjects at a late meeting of the Members of the Historical Society report as follows viz
 agreed to That the 4.th article in the by laws and regulations of the Society be altered so far as respects the number of the standing Committee; and that it, in future, consist of Five members instead of Three.

^{proposed} That the consideration any further regulations in taking books out of the Library be postponed until an examination of the Library be made, and an account of the Books missing, may be ascertained
 agreed to That a volume of collects be made and printed for the year 1799; and that be published at the end of the year in boards

expected That a petition be offered by the Society to the General Court that they would become Subscribers for a suitable number of copies for the use of the Commonwealth -

Jan^y 29. 1799. Geo. R Minot per order

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, by adjournment, at the Library, on Wednesday, 19th day of September, 1792, —

A letter from William Wetmore, Esq., accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society, was read.

The Committee appointed to consider of the best mode of publishing the papers of the Society in future made report, whereupon it was

Voted, That if Messrs. Belknap and Hall will publish the papers of the Society in a pamphlet, monthly, to consist of twenty-four pages, the Society will take fifty copies in sheets, at two pence one farthing a sheet; that the number of copies to be struck off be three hundred; and that, in addition to the fifty copies above mentioned, the Society will take all such copies as may remain unsold at the rate aforesaid, for the term of one quarter of a year from the first Friday of October next.

Mr. Belknap appeared, and agreed to the above terms in behalf of himself and Mr. Hall, his partner.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment, at the Library, Oct. 8, 1792, —

Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., of Sandwich, was nominated as a member by the Hon. Mr. Sullivan, and the Rev. John Mellen, Jr., of Barnstable, by the Rev. Mr. Freeman. Hon. Edmund Randolph, Attorney-General of the

United States, was nominated by the Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap as a Corresponding Member.

Mr. WILLIAM DANDRIDGE PECK, of Kittery, was chosen a domestic member. Dr. SAMUEL TENNEY, of Exeter, New Hampshire, and the Rev. Dr. JOHN ERSKINE, of Edinburgh, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., be a committee to request of the committee of the church in Brattle Street the liberty of their house for the delivery of the public discourse on the 23d of October instant.

Voted, That the Society will begin the next meeting, which is to be considered as the quarterly meeting, on the 23d instant, at ten o'clock A.M., at the house of Rev. Dr. Thacher, to proceed thence to the meeting-house.

Voted, That the Secretary issue notifications accordingly, and advertise the meeting in the newspapers.

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Dr. Thacher, and Mr. Eliot, with the President, be a committee to make any further arrangements that may be necessary.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the Rev. Dr. Thacher, in Boston, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, 1792, —

Mr. Alden Bradford, a tutor of Harvard College, was nominated as a member by Dr. Dexter.

Rev. Dr. EZRA STILES and Hon. EDMUND RANDOLPH were elected Corresponding Members; and Rev. JOHN MELLEN, Jr., of Barnstable, and Hon. NATHANIEL FREEMAN, Esq., of Sandwich, were elected Resident Members.

The Society then proceeded to the Meeting-house in Brattle Street, where a discourse was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap upon the subject of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, and service was performed, agreeably to the votes of the Society.*

* The following is an extract from "The Independent Chronicle, and the Universal Advertiser," of Thursday, Oct. 25, 1792:—

"Celebration of the Discovery of America."

"Tuesday last, the 23d instant, being the 12th of the month, old style, and the day on which the third century after the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus was completed, that event was celebrated by the Historical Society of this Commonwealth, in the following manner:—

"The members of the Society having assembled at a quarterly meeting, held at the house of the Rev. Dr. Thacher, they proceeded from thence to the meeting-house in Brattle Square. Dr. Thacher opened the service with a prayer peculiarly adapted to the occasion. A discourse was then delivered by the Rev. Dr. Belknap, who had been appointed by the Society for that purpose. This discourse was distinguished by a deep research into the subject of the discovery of America, both as to the reasons which led to it, and its consequences; by an entertaining account of the character and fortunes of the great discoverer; and, above all, by a liberality of sentiment in politics and religion which do honor to the age. After the discourse, a prayer, pertinent to the subject of the day, was made by the Rev. Mr. Eliot, and the whole was concluded with an ode, by Mr. Rea and others, in concert with the organ.

"His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and such of the Honorable Council as were in town, favored the Society with their attendance on this occasion, and accompanied the members to dine with the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., the President, at his house, where the memory of Columbus was toasted in convivial enjoyment, and the warmest wishes were expressed that the blessings now distinguishing the United States might be extended to every part of the world he has discovered."

The selection of the 23d of October for the day of celebration, as corresponding in new style to the 12th in old style, was an error, as only nine days were required to represent the difference, the true day falling on the 21st. It was not till 1752 that the Gregorian calendar was adopted in England and her colonies, when eleven days were stricken from the old calendar as the difference which then existed between that and the new calendar. This fact being known, eleven days seem to have been erroneously assumed as the difference between old and new style for all time. In 1769, when the celebration of the Landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 was instituted at Plymouth by the Old Colony Club, eleven days were assumed for the difference of style, instead of ten, the true difference, and the error was continued for nearly a century. In like manner, the same error was made in computing the date from old style of the discovery of America by Columbus, whereas but nine days were required to represent the

After which, the members returned to the house of Dr. Thacher, and it was

Voted, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Rev. Dr. Belknap, and in the name of the Society to thank him for the discourse this day delivered by him, and to confer with him respecting the printing thereof.*

Dr. Dexter, Dr. Thacher, and Mr. Tudor were appointed on the committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Rea and the other gentlemen musicians who aided in the celebration of the day.

Voted, That the Treasurer defray any small expenses that may have arisen therefrom.

Voted, That the Standing Committee cause to be printed such a number of copies of the Catalogue and of the Constitution of the Society as they may judge proper.

true difference. The American Antiquarian Society, in 1813, directed, in their by-laws, that the annual oration should "be delivered on the 23d of October, the day on which America was discovered by Columbus"; and, until 1855, the annual meeting of that Society continued to be held on that day. The error was then detected, and a change made to the twenty-first day of October, as corresponding to the true date of discovery (October 12) in old style.

The three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America was celebrated in New York on the 12th of October, as appears by the same paper from which the above extract is taken: —

"On the twelfth instant was celebrated in New York the completion of the third century since the discovery of America by Columbus. On this occasion a monumental obelisk was exhibited by the Tammany Society at their Great Wigwam, where an animated oration on the great nautical hero was delivered by J. B. Johnson, Esq." — Eds.

* Dr. Belknap's Discourse was printed by Belknap and Hall, at the Apollo Press, State Street, 1792, entitled, "A Discourse intended to commemorate the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus," &c. — Eds.